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April 25, 1995

Ms. Mayland Mason 2 Clough Street Newport, VT 05855

RE: Former Union Street Dump in Newport (Site #77-60)

Dear Ms. Mason:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the file information regarding the above referenced site. Based on our recent review, the SMS has determined that hazardous waste contamination is not present at this site at levels which are of a health or environmental concern. This determination is based on the following:

- 1. A complaint call was received by the Hazardous Materials Management Division (HMMD) in April, 1986 concerning the appearance of an orange, slimy material in the daycare facility which is located on the former dump property. Samples were collected from this area, an initial investigation was performed, and the site was placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) computerized inventory of potential hazardous waste sites.
- 2. A Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection were performed at the site. These results of these investigations indicated that no evidence of disposal of hazardous substances was discovered. The only contamination identified in these studies were metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) which were detected in sediments in the unnamed stream and wet area in the daycare yard. Although the source of elevated levels of metals and PAHs is unknown, concentrations were relatively low adjacent to the daycare and increased in the upstream direction. These contaminants may be due to natural breakdown processes of materials which were landfilled in the former dump, or may be from another unknown source.
- 3. The HMMD was most concerned with the location of the daycare facility and the potential for children to be impacted by hazardous substances onsite. Since the daycare facility is no longer located at the site, the HMMD no longer has this concern.
- 4. Little to no risk is posed to sensitive receptors from any residual contamination

which may remain at the site.

As indicated in the SMS's May 13, 1994 letter to you, the SMS has revaluated the site, and has determined that the site may be assigned a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the HMMD have determined require no further management are given a SMAC designation. The designation does not release the owners of the properties which make up the site from any past or future liability which may arise from the contamination which was thought to be present at the site. The SMAC designation does mean that the SMS isn't requiring any additional work be performed at the site in response to the initial contamination.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Chuck Schwer, Acting Chief Sites Management Section

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FDIC 124 Grove Street Franklin, MA 02038

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John and Ann Ambler Hagar Auto & Industrial, Inc. 80 Union Street Newport, VT 05855

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